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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet, which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including Figure 1. In Figure 1, previously omitted reference numeral 54 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1-4, 6-8, 11, 13-16 and 18-20 are allowed. Claims 5, 9, 10, 12 and 17 currently stand rejected. Applicant has amended claims 5, 9, 12 and 17 in order to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has also included a replacement sheet for Figure 1. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

In light of the amendment and the remarks presented below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all now-pending claims of the present application.

Drawing Objections

The drawings have been objected to as failing to show "the line 54". Applicant has included a replacement sheet for Figure 1 in which previously omitted reference numeral (54) has been added. Support for this correction can be found at page 9, line 24 of the specification. Therefore, the correction does not constitute new matter.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 5, 9, 10, 12 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended claims 5, 9, 12 and 17 to cure any deficiencies with respect to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Specifically, claim 5 has been amended to change "the first multiplicand" to --a first multiplicand--. Claim 9 has been amended to change "said translator" to --said transformer--. Claim 12 has also been amended to change "said translator" to --said transformer--. Claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 15 instead of claim 16. It is respectfully submitted that the claim amendments above cure any deficiency in each of the associated claims with respect to indefiniteness. Claim 10 was rejected due to dependency from

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claim 9. Since claim 9 has been amended to overcome the rejection due to indefiniteness, claim 10 is now allowable due to its dependency from claim 9.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of claims 5, 9, 10, 12 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are overcome. Therefore, since no prior art is cited against claims 5, 9, 10, 12 and 17, Applicant believes that claims 5, 9, 10, 12 and 17 are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amended claims and the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

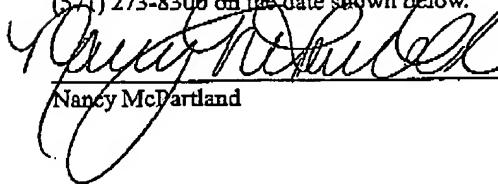


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